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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 692

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Jeff Porter for his
laudable service to the people of Tennessee and
upon being named Robertson County's 1999
Conservation Farmer of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those
persons who, through their professional and civic efforts, have distinguished themselves as
community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. Jeff Porter, who was recently named the
Robertson County's Soil Conservation District's 1999 Conservation Farmer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Robertson County Soil Conservation District and the U.S.
Natural Resources Conservation Service staff select a "Conservation Farmer of the Year"; this
award is presented each year to a farmer who has performed outstanding work in applying best
management practices in the conservation of our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Porter's farming operation is located in the First District community of
Robertson County. Since an early age, Jeff has evinced a love for farming and for the land; he
attributes his great love of agriculture to the positive influence of his grandfather, John R. Porter;
and

WHEREAS, as a young farmer, Jeff has steadily increased the number of acres he now tills in row crops including corn, wheat, soybeans, and tobacco; his farm operation includes the cultivation of 15 acres of tobacco, 350 acres of corn, 820 acres of soybeans, and 820 acres of wheat; the utilization of crop rotations, and the implementation of 5 acres of grassed waterways and 5 sediment basins. Buffer zones and grassed alleys, or turn areas, are also used in an effort to reduce erosion; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Porter epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Porter is most grateful for the love and encouragement he shares with his twelve-year-old daughter, Kammy, who attends East Robertson High School; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Jeff Porter for his dedication to the noble profession of farming in the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. Jeff Porter for his meritorious service to agriculture in the state of Tennessee, congratulate him on being named Robertson County's 1999 Conservation Farmer of the Year, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.